Backlog Vacancies

3736. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st Mach, 2004 in his Ministry and various Departments under his Ministry;

(b) whether special drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, the number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of Medical Colleges in the country

3737. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of medical colleges/universities, in the country, both Government and private offering M.B.B.S. course, indicating total number of seats in each institution;

(b) the number of seats available to each self financing/private institutes under management quota; and

(c) the details of colleges/universities that have been allowed to increase intake of M.B.B.S. students during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) At present total 244 medical colleges are functioning in the country. State-wise number of medical colleges in Government Sector and Private Sector is given in the statement as statement (*See* below).

(b) the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 14.8.03 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education has clarified that the State Government may prescribe the percentage of seats in private professional